

**Minutes of the  
City Commission for the City of Traverse City**



**Special Meeting**

**August 8, 2016**

A special meeting of the City Commission of the City of Traverse City was called to order at the Commission Chambers, Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan, at 7:44p.m.

Mayor Jim Carruthers, Mayor Pro Tem Ross Richardson, Brian Haas, Gary Howe, Richard I. Lewis, Amy Shamroe, and Tim Werner.

The following Commissioners were absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Jim Carruthers presided at the meeting.

Topics of Discussion:

**1.**

Consideration of a request from Mayor Jim Carruthers for the City Commission to adopt the necessary resolutions to place a petitioned-for proposal filed with the City Clerk on August 1, 2016, on the November 8, 2016, ballot which seeks to amend the City Charter to require that any building over 60 feet in height be approved by the electorate prior to its construction being approved by the City or City Commission, with consideration of the resolution subject to the City Clerk's determination that the petitions are sufficient.

The following addressed the Commission:

Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk

Moved by Werner, that this matter be tabled to the August 15, 2016, meeting.

Due to the lack of a second, the motion did not come before the

Commission.

Moved by Lewis, seconded by Richardson, that that the Certification of Petitions from the City Clerk attesting to the sufficiency of initiatory petitions submitted by SOD Campaign Committee requesting a charter amendment be received and filed; and that a Resolution Approving Ballot Language for the Taller Building Proposed Charter Amendment for the City Clerk's submittal to the electorate at the General Election to be held November 8, 2016, be adopted; and that a Charter Text Resolution for the Taller Building Proposed Charter Amendment, be adopted.

Lauren Tribble-Laucht, City Attorney  
Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street  
Ellen Corcoran, 150 Pine Street

Roll Call:

Yes - Haas, Howe, Lewis, Shamroe, Richardson,  
Carruthers.

No - Werner.

CARRIED.

Moved by Richardson, seconded by Werner, that the privileged and confidential memo from City Attorney Lauren Tribble-Laucht regarding this issue be released to the public.

CARRIED unanimously.

**2.**

The next item being "Public Comment," the following individuals addressed the Commission:

Christine Maxbauer, Grand Traverse County Commissioner  
John Scrudato, 422 East State Street

Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street

3.

Announcements from the City Clerk.

The following addressed the Commission:

Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk

There being no objection, Mayor Jim Carruthers declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Benjamin C. Marentette, MMC  
City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Initials)